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Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified U.S. national phase application of International Patent Application No. PCT/AU2005/001226, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.